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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO ROME

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1. WE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP WITH GARDINI, VICE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS MFA. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE THIS QUESTION WAS RAISED WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT LEONE AND AMBASSADOR ORTONA IS DISCUSSING THE WORDING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF- FICIALS.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT MORO HAS INDICATED THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE HE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT THE SECRETARY ARRIVE IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 4. MORO IS DEPARTING NOVEMBER 5 WITH PRESIDENT LEONE ON

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VISITS TO CAIRO, TEHRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. EXACT DEPARTURE TIME

ON NOVEMBER 5TH IS NOT YET DETERMINED BUT OBVIOUSLY THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE THE SECRETARY ON THAT DAY WOULD BE GREATLY RESTRICTED IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S COMMITMENT TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTED TEXT OF A STATEMENT (PARA 3 REFTEL) ORTONA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE TO INDICATE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS.

4. FINALLY, GARDINI SAID THAT ASSUMING THE SLIGHT WORD CHANGES IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE AGREED UPON THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY FROM THE ITALIAN SIDE ON MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT NOON OCTOBER 2 (5 PM ROME).

5. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WILL WORK OUT DETAILS ON THIS MATTER WITH ORTONA. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPARTMENT COULD INFORM US OF THE OUTCOME.

6. WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA (PARA 5 REFTEL) THIS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE ITALIANS' SORTING OUT THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND WILL IN PART DEPEND ON WHAT CONVERSATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED IN THE TIME THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE AVAILABLE.
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